Friday 30th November
Kindy Transition

Monday 3rd – Tuesday 4th December
Year 10 Exams

Tuesday 4th December
College Council meeting at 7.30pm

Wednesday 5th December
Volunteers Morning Tea

Thursday 6th December
Student End Of Year Service rehearsal at the Nautilus Theatre

Wednesday 12th December
Student End Of Year Service rehearsal at the Nautilus Theatre

Thursday 13th December
Student End of Year Service rehearsal at the Nautilus Theatre

End of Year Service at Nautilus Theatre
Junior School at 6.00pm
Middle/Senior School at 7.45pm

Friday 14th December
End of Term – dismissal at 2pm

Navigator College is now an authorised IB PYP School!

In all things, give thanks…

This time last week I was in Canberra, visiting my brother’s family. Niece Kara and I had a lovely day planned, working on her Love, Peace and Hope quilt, a gift for her 21st birthday, when the call came through. Are you alright? There is a bushfire out your way! My heart was gripped with fear...Hannah’s home alone...how to find Mark...were Zack and Maddie safe? So began many phone calls, filled with fear and emotion. Thank God for mobile phones! Soon Mark was home, and together with Hannah, they made a great team, preparing our home for the possible onset of fire. There was nothing else I could do from a distance but pray...so Kara and I did. We prayed for God’s protection of our loved ones, our neighbours, our community, and the fire fighters risking their lives to protect us. Kara helped me to access the CFS website, facebook and the news for updates. Thank God for this technology available to us and that He had placed caring angels around my family at home, as well as a loving family around me. As news filtered through to extended family and friends, prayer chains were happening all over Australia. Eric’s class at Endeavour College stopped mid lesson, to pray for us, with particular concern for our dog Gracie! There was nothing else to do, but to keep busy and keep quilting! Kara’s parting words were...every time I look at this quilt, Auntie Sue, I will remember this day.

It was to be 30 hours, before I could return home. Our home was covered in a blanket of smoke, hugging the trees around us and creeping through the crevices into our home. The windows were streaked with life saving water. Besides the welcome drone of the five water bombers flying overhead, it was eerily quiet....all the birds had gone. As night fell and the bombers rested, there was a red glow of flames behind our treeline, where the fire had flared up again. Sleep came easily due to a mixture of thankfulness to be home and exhaustion, holding onto God’s promises of protection and knowing there was an amazing army of volunteers who were working tirelessly through the night to contain the flare up.

I awoke, feeling the joy Mrs Noah had, many years ago, to blue sky and the twittering of birds. A sign from God, that all would be well. The wind was blowing the smoke away and my heart was overflowing with joy and thankfulness.

Having an attitude of gratitude is not always easy, particularly in stressful times of our lives. In reflecting on the events of the last few days, there is just so much to thank God for. For a special friend who alerted us, and kept in touch with helpful advice. For the gift of my very capable husband Mark, and daughter Hannah, who protected our home. For caring family and friends, who prayed from a distance for us and the Port Lincoln community. The amazing volunteers, who came from far and wide, bringing their fire trucks, water bombers and dozers to protect us. May God richly bless you for the sacrifices you made, in giving of your time, leaving loved ones behind to fight for us. Most of all, thanks be to God, for his protection and all the good things that have and will come out of this.

I would like to leave you with the words of 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.

Submitted with thanks by Sue Thiel
FROM THE PRINCIPAL....

END OF YEAR SERVICE
Our End of Year Service is on Thursday the 13th of December at the Nautilus Theatre. Please note official formal summer uniform is required unless told otherwise by your class teacher (see below).

Our rehearsals are scheduled for the 6th, 12th and 13th of December and we ask that only the Junior School students are dropped off to teachers at the Makybe Diva statue at 8.45am. Students who come in on school buses will all meet at the Junior Primary School and walk together, supervised, to the Nautilus Theatre. The Junior School students will be delivered by buses back to the College when the rehearsal is completed and the Middle and Senior School students will then be taken down to the theatre. All parents have consented to their child/children being transported by bus in the 2012 Forms Package.

Tickets for seating must be pre booked and are available now from the front office. There is no cost but will need to be pre booked early to confirm seating availability. Please be specific about your ticket requirements as we have many families of the school who would like to be a part of this service.

Parents please note it is expected that all students attend this evening. If your child/children will not be attending the End of Year Service, a written note needs to be sent to their class teacher, explaining reasons for their absence. Thank you.

CLASSES 2013
We are now at the stage where we begin to consider class placements for 2013. There are many factors that go into placing your child in a specific class. I believe that a happy child learns and therefore I make my decision after discussion with your child’s past and future teachers, based on their social stance. It is my belief that if your child is (socially) happy and content, learning naturally occurs. Ordinarily if your child is surrounded by others that make him / her feel safe, he / she is then able to work at school. Of course in all classes at times there are incidents that may result in a clash of personalities. However, the more socially secure child can usually manage the situation easier than the one who feels less confident.

Looking at classes for next year, the social factor is very high on the list, but other factors such as class numbers, gender and siblings need also be considered. If you have any reasonable requests regarding your child’s placement in a class, please make an appointment to see me no later than Monday the 3rd of December.

Please note teachers will not be deciding on class allocations as it is a Leadership team decision. If you have concerns or requests for specific teachers, I ask that you speak only to me, as unfortunately these other requests cannot be considered. Our focus is the children and their needs when organising their placement. Thank you.

UNIFORM POLICY – OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS
GIRLS OFFICIAL UNIFORM - SUMMER FUNCTIONS:
- Reception – Year 1: Short sleeve polo shirt, skort, white College socks and black leather lace up or buckle shoes.
- Junior School Year 2 - 5: Dress, white College socks, black leather lace up or buckle shoes.
- Middle School: Year 6 - 8: Dress, white College socks, black leather lace up or buckle shoes.
- Year 9: Dress, flesh opaque stockings, black leather lace up or buckle shoes and College blazer.
- Senior School Year 10 - 11: Dress, flesh opaque stockings, black leather lace up or buckle shoes and College blazer.

BOYS OFFICIAL UNIFORM - SUMMER FUNCTIONS:
- Reception – Year 1: Charcoal shorts, short sleeved polo shirt, black College socks and black leather boots or lace up shoes.
- Junior School Year 2 – Year 5: Charcoal shorts, short sleeved shirt, short black College socks, black lace up shoes.
- Middle School Year 6 - 8: Charcoal trouser, long sleeved blue shirt, College Tie, black College socks, black leather lace up shoes.
- Year 9: Charcoal trouser, long sleeved blue shirt, College Tie, black College socks, black leather lace up shoes and College blazer.
- Senior School Year 10 - 11: Charcoal trouser, long sleeved blue shirt, College Tie, black College socks, black leather lace up shoes and College blazer.
- Year 11 students to also bring their College Senior charcoal jumper.

God bless,

Kaye

SAPSASA NEWS
Another year comes to a close which means another year over for SAPSASA. Term 4 saw two of our Year 7 students represent the Lower Eyre Peninsula in Adelaide. Matt Marschall for Tennis and Drue Mueller for Cricket, spent a whole week in Adelaide doing what they love. Matt helped his Tennis team to a third place finish, while Drue contributed with both bat and ball as he and his fellow team mates made it all the way through to the final before falling at the final hurdle. Congratulations to the both of these students, the College is extremely proud of your achievements.

On Wednesday the 7th of November, 33 Year 6/7 students participated in the SAPSASA Super 8’s Cricket Carnival. The day was more about participation and fun than results, and it was great to see all students having a wonderful time, scoring runs, taking wickets and most of all doing it all with big smiles. A huge thank you to Kylie Window and our Middle School Captains, Connor Dickie and Chelsea Boots for helping out with umpiring and scoring.

Rowan Miegel, SAPSASA Co-ordinator
SCHOOL MAGAZINE
Our Navigator College School Magazine, 2012 will be available for purchase at the End of Year Service for $16. Alternatively, parents can pre-order a copy of the magazine from the front office, to be picked up on the last day of school.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
The Year 12 College grey Jumpers have arrived and are $60 each. All Year 12 Students will be required to wear them as part of their uniform in place of the blue Woollen Jumpers.

UNIFORM SHOP HOLIDAY OPENING TIMES
Thursday 17th January 1pm – 4pm
Friday 18th January 1pm – 4pm
Thursday 24th January 1pm – 4pm
Friday 25th January 9am – 4pm
Susan McFarlane, Uniform Co-ordinator

LAST DAY OF TERM
Please note that due to the early closure of the Government schools and our bus connection, the Navigator College 2012 school year will end for students at 2pm on Friday the 14th of December. Thank you.

GRAIN DONATIONS
The College gratefully accepts grain donations from farmers in lieu of cash donations. If you would like to make a contribution could you please donate to “Navigator College Inc” (12846521) and ask to have the grain to be warehoused. Thank you in anticipation.

PORTFOLIOS
A reminder that Portfolio folders for Junior and Middle School students need to be returned as soon as possible. Thank you, if you have already done so.

CONGRATULATIONS
Jasmine Slater, one of our Year 8 students recently attended the Medal Presentation Ceremony for the University of New South Wales International Competition and Assessments for School (ICAS) at the Adelaide Town Hall.

She was the recipient of the highest award for Creative Writing for South Australia and Northern Territory.

Congratulations, Jasmine on your outstanding achievement.

HOMESTAY PROGRAM
Navigator College is offering a Homestay Program for students who cannot commute to the College daily. The Homestay Program involves families in Port Lincoln who are willing to board students during the school term. Some of these students will require board for five days per week, others seven days per week.

The host family will receive payment from the family of the boarding student, according to the guidelines set out by Navigator College. If you are interested in boarding a student please contact Mark Thiel on 86842012 or the College on 86825099, or call into the front office for an information booklet.

CANTEEN CLOSURE FOR 2012
The Canteen will not be open in the last week of this term due to class parties and End of Year Service activities running throughout the week.

Stock will be limited for the last 2 weeks of school so you may not always get what you have ordered – especially drinks. Thanks for your patience during this time. Our last Canteen day for the year will be Friday the 7th of December. Thank you all for your patronage this year.

Di and Ian Schmidt, Canteen Operators

COMMUNITY NEWS

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS CRUISE
Each year we have a Christmas Lights Cruise that operates for approximately one hour. The boat cruise takes you around the Marina looking at all the Christmas light displays. This year we have tours from the 14th to the 24th of December at 8.30pm. Adults $15, Children $10, Under 2’s – free. Beverages are available for purchase on board the boat. For further information please contact Jana at Adventure Bay Charters on 8682 2979.

PORT LINCOLN POOL
Enrol now for Term 1, 2013. Holiday programme also available. Call Kathy on 8621 4484 or email swimschool@saringroup.com.au

CUMMINS CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND 2012
Opening dates - 1st December - 31st December. Open every day from 10am – 5pm. Entry gold coin donation.

DISABILITY SA PORT LINCOLN
The Disability SA Port Lincoln Office would like to invite people with a disability and their family or carers to come along and see DreamWorks new release movie ‘Madagascar 3 Europes Most Wanted’. It is being held at Youthoria on Thursday the 6th of December at 4pm. Attendance is free! All children must be accompanied by an adult. To register your interest please contact Disability SA on 8688 3564 prior to this date.